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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Sir:

Pursuant to Section 1.97 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and prior to the issuance of a first office action, record is hereby made of information the United States Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider during examination of the above-entitled application which is being filed concurrently herewith under 35 U.S.C. 371. No representation is made or intended that a prior art search was conducted, or that no better art than that listed is available.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required for consideration of this IDS.

The following documents were cited in the International Search Report of the corresponding International Application:

DE 101 27 820 A1 (Corresponds to US 6,860,915 B2); DE 197 00 733 A1;
EP 0 730 086 B2 (with English claims); GB 1 255 642 A; US 3,966,443; and
US 4,966,703

A copy of the International Search Report, which is in the English language and serves as a statement of relevance for any of the non-English references, is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

The following documents were cited in the basic German priority applications:

DE 101 27 820 A1 (corresponds to US 6,860,915B2; also cited the Search
Report of the corresponding International Application);

DE 199 51 312 A1; DE 10 2004 011 176; DE 10 2004 011 177;

JP 08-284634; US 2,936,043; US 3,641,745; and US 3,893,914;

DE 101 27 820 A1 was also cited in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPEA/409). A copy of the Patentability Report (in English) is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience and which serves as a statement of relevance for this non-English reference.

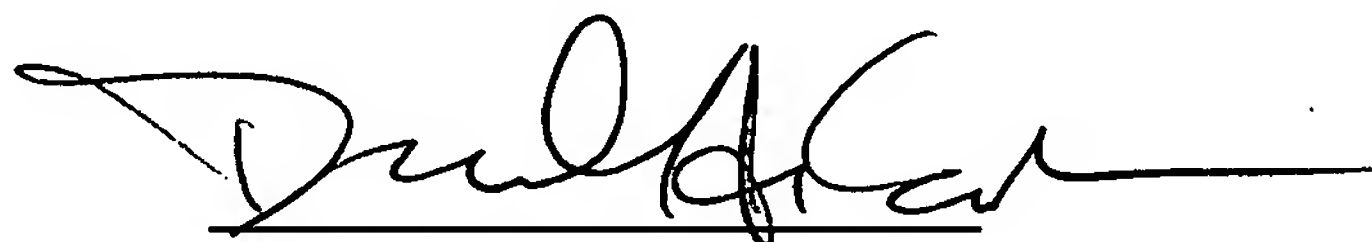
Patent document DE 10 127 820 A1 was also cited in the specification of the subject application which also serves as a statement of relevance for this non-English reference.

Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are enclosed herewith, along with Form PTO/SB/08A. It is requested that they be fully considered and made of record in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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